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Attorney General Ashcroft,  
Department of Justice:

I am sending this email to urge you to settle the Microsoft case. The government has ostensibly pursued this case on behalf of consumers; however, the very consumers it has sought to protect are being harmed by the detrimental impact the case has had on the technology market and the entire national economy. This case should never have been brought by the DOJ during the Clinton administration. I have always believed that Microsoft is a very fierce competitor in a rapidly changing technology world, and that Microsoft has done far more good than harm to consumers. In fact, it appears that the only ones whining and crying are those that lost a share of the computer business due to their own ineffectiveness, and not because Microsoft took it from them. There is no monopoly on progressive thinking as Microsoft has done and continues to do, and it certainly should not be a crime. Those that cannot compete should get out of the business.

Respectfully,

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